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DANDELION HAS REDEEMING QUALITIES

The dandelion is a most offensive weed to the man who, cultivating a lawn, is kept busy digging up the intruder with little yellow blossoms, but the government experts on edible weeds declare the leaves of the plant are good to eat and they recommend that the weed be prepared for food in much the same manner that spinach is cooked.

Describing the uses of weeds, a government publication says:

While the leaves of the dandelion are always nutritious, they acquire a bitter flavor as they approach maturity. Hence, the best leaves for edible purposes are the young sprouts that shoot forth in early spring. The bitter flavor of the older leaves may be avoided, however, by boiling in two waters.

Most of these weeds, that ought to be classed as vegetables, have their season in the spring. According to the best medical opinion, they thus perform a dual function; for all of them, in addition to the nutritive qualities they possess, are in a mild degree medicinal in effect, clearing from the blood and tissues the stagnant humors of the winter season.

Chief among the edible weeds of the United States is the dandelion. The edible portion of the plant are the leaves which grow close to the ground, rarely extending more than an inch in height. The plant is, when fully grown, about six or eight inches in width measuring across the breadth of leaves which have a notched or serrated appearance, and before they are plucked, are as crisp as fresh lettuce. They rapidly wither, however, when separated from the root.

If the dandelion should take the place of spinach on the tables of Ogden it might not be long before the owners of lawns would accept the weed as worthy of a place among the grasses and flowers that enrich the appearance of so many homes in this city.

THE OPENING OF THE LEAGUE SEASON.

Today is the beginning of the league baseball season. From now on to the close of the contest for the pennant, the fans of Ogden are to be possessed of valid excuses for making frequent trips in the direction of Glenwood park.

Determining the standing of the clubs will supply many of our youngsters with their first real desire to

learn that part of their arithmetic which deals with percentage.

During the next five months no hero will compare with the stars of the local team.

And with the winning of the league honors, the names of the members of the Ogden team shall be inscribed in a niche of fame.

Baseball is the great American game, and, in the eyes of the average American, no one is so much to be commiserated with as he who cannot appreciate the fine points of the game or become uncontrollably engrossed over the scoring of the winning run by the home team.

There is real joy in league baseball for the fans, and we know of no amusement that affords so much wholesome pastime for young or old.

ARMED TO THE TEETH FIFTY YEARS AGO

While we are scowling at Japan and the subjects of the mikado are returning our frowns, a peace conference is to be held in St. Louis, under the auspices of the American Peace society.

The society, in its literature, claims that two billion dollars is spent annually for war and war equipment.

What a waste of human energy and what a misdirection of resources!

There is no good reason why national disputes cannot be settled as are individual differences. There should be an international court capable of commanding the peace.

As nations we are in the position of a lawless community where might is right. When the Central Pacific railroad was being built, a camp was established on the east side of Promontory Point, at the foot of the grade that led over the hill. The graders were rough characters and nearly every man carried a gun. It was not long until a graveyard was started and the little city of tents became known as Dead Man's Gulch. Every roughneck with a grievance waited to get "the drop" on the other fellow. Anarchy reigned supreme until "the vigilantes" were organized.

The big nations remind one of the frontier railroad laborers with guns strapped to their waists, ready to shoot on real or fancied wrongs.

WAR TALK IN WASHINGTON OVER JAPANESE QUESTION

A special dispatch sent out from Washington yesterday by John Temple Graves, contains the following war sentiments:

One of the high officials of the government and one especially close to the president, declared: "I believe that every man I have met in Washington is in favor of war. I am myself in favor of war, but I would not be quoted as saying so for my right hand."

But if the officials of the White House and the state department arm, there is no lack of frankness and open fearless expression among the officers of the army and navy who are gathered at Washington. Almost to a man these epauletted officers of higher or lower rank walk with firm tread and with resolute mouths and do not hesitate to tell you privately that the army and navy are unalterably opposed to being made to "eat dirt" in this matter with Japan. "We are not for war," they say, "but we are for maintaining the self respect of this nation and the rights of the state of California. We do not fear Japan on land or sea and all that we ask and hope is that our government shall behave with firmness and

with courage as well as with discretion."

This is the sentiment of every man in either of the martial branches of our government and it reflects the firm sentiment of the national capital to a man.

That men of military training distrust the administration because it is slow to grasp the situation and prepare for eventualities, is brought out in this Washington comment:

"The secretary of the navy was asked today if he had noted the startling disclosures made as to the inadequacy of the navy in officers and men and in the supply of fuel. He stated that he had noted it, but had no comment to make upon it at this time. Meaning, this great country would like to know whether these conditions in our navy are being improved or whether we are standing still, as Mr. Bryan would have us do, and wait until we are attacked before we prepare to defend ourselves."

Japan's open threats of war are a source of irritation to the American people, and, though nothing come of the present contention, a feeling of resentment will rankle until, at some time in the future, there will arise another disagreement, and then look out.

The Japanese are as unyielding and as proud as the Americans. They will go on accumulating a pent-up aversion for us, as they did for the Russians during many years prior to the Russian-Japanese war. The suppressed dislike will be controlled for a time, but eventually there will be a bursting of the bounds of restraint. When the psychological moment arrives, which may be ten years hence or as early as this summer, neither country will desire peace and war will come.

The California question cannot be solved by Bryan. The secretary of state may postpone the crisis, but two years from now, if not during this session, the legislature of that state will resume the pleasant pastime of prodding the Japanese. California is resolved on maintaining white supremacy in that state, and to do so must check the aggressions of the little brown men by legislative enactment, perhaps by deliberate discrimination. If there is no relief offered by legislation, then there is danger of mob violence such as was inflicted on the Chinese before the Chinese restriction law was signed by Chester A. Arthur. That would provoke a more violent spirit of resentment in Japan than has attended the attempts at anti-alien legislation.

From any point of view the situation presents serious aspects.

SUPREME COURT DISBARS ATTORNEY

Salt Lake, April 29.—Acting on the report of Charles Baldwin, the referee, the supreme court yesterday disbanded Arthur A. Platz and ordered his name stricken from the rolls of the court on the ground that he is an "unfit, unsafe and improper person to be entrusted with the powers of an attorney at law."

Serious charges were filed against Platz last July by the grievance committee of the State Bar association. The supreme court appointed Baldwin as a referee to take evidence on the charges. Baldwin filed his report last January, and subsequently the court listened to arguments in the case. Platz appeared in his own behalf.

The specific charges against Platz were numerous, the principal one being that he had dealt dishonestly with certain clients in money matters and had succeeded in mulcting one client in particular of more than \$1,000. It was further shown that he had appropriated to himself money collected by him belonging to Attorney Harry J. Robinson while engaged in a law practice partnership with Robinson.

The supreme court declines to set out in its opinion the findings of the referee, taking the stand that they are better not published, though they are of record in the court, and can be read by any who desire. Speaking of certain charges of misconduct alleged to have occurred prior to the admission of Platz to the Utah bar, which the referee held were immaterial to the issue, the supreme court rules that such misconduct is material in that it corroborates the other charges in showing the unfitness of Platz to practice law.

INCREASING EGG PRODUCTION

BY CHARLES WEEKS, Palo Alto. "Like produces like," is one of the laws of evolution. Seeds produce their kind without fail and the progress of the plant depends almost entirely upon the environment from year to year. If the largest and strongest mangel wurtzel beets are saved for seed each year a little progress can be made, and if the soil in which these seeds are planted is fertilized and watered thoroughly and every scientific condition brought to bear in producing a big, perfect beet, then the progress of this particular selection of beets will be decidedly marked. If seeds are planted in poor soil with no culture or attention they will degenerate.

So it is with animal life. The environment has much to do with the progress of any family of the animal kingdom and plays equally as important a part in selection. In wild animals it is a case of the survival of the fittest generation after generation until extreme hardness is inherited. In the wild state only the strongest survive.

The elements and the struggle for food do the culling and leave only the best for reproduction. In the wild jungle fowl from which our hen came we have vigor and symmetry. The prairie hen, the grouse, the pheasant, the quail, all are uniform and hardy and immune to disease.

Our domestic hen is protected from the rigors and climate and the struggle for food and consequently has not

the disposal of the weaker born each generation and unless man steps in and does this separating of the "well born" from those of low vitality a large percentage of evils will be raised year after year. Man has two factors with which to improve his flock and those are elimination and care. Elimination without proper care of stock will get nowhere. Care without elimination of low vitality will get a little way, but not far. The best care and environments for the hen with the strictest elimination of the weaker born will lead to marvelous producing powers. Our poultrymen, in their eagerness for large flocks hold on to every pullet possible and breed year after year from everything, weak or strong, until the country is overrun with a degenerate lot of poultry.

In the wild fowl so much energy is used in withstanding climatic conditions and so much energy used in the search for food that it is only at the most favorable seasons of the year that eggs are produced at all, and this is usually in the springtime, when animal and plant life is most abundant and nourishing. We should take a hint from this and give our hens spring conditions the year around, with succulent green food in abundance and animal food. With correct houses and yards to protect the hens from unfavorable climatic conditions and the greatest variety of wholesome and nourishing food in abundance the domestic hens turn the energy thus saved to egg production. The selection of the fittest for reproduction is left for man in the domestic state, and unless man does this selection very carefully and thoroughly many hens are left in the breeding yards that are totally unfit. Vigor, stamina, hardness and assimilating powers can be detected in the little chicks only a few days old. These should be marked. The early maturing pullets and cockerels are the ones to save for breeders. The pullets that drag along until they are 7 or 8 months old before laying are totally unfit for breeders. The pullets that lay the first are those that are born with the egg producing instinct. If these early laying pullets are housed in deep, roomy, open front houses and are fed the very best nourishing diet with all the green feed they will consume every day they will be in a condition the second year to throw chicks that should be better than themselves. Progress of a race can be made only by perfecting the highest powers of the individual. By so doing the best of the individual by every condition possible is the only way of forcing producing powers to a higher plane. The condition of the parent stock at the time of mating is one moment when a forward step can be made toward egg production, and the daily developing of the productive powers of the individual by proper environments are the periods in which the forward movement proceeds.

Take the parent stock at the season of the year when they are in the very highest state of condition and take the strongest and earliest maturing chicks from this mating and every day give them the best care possible and take these and mate again at the highest moment of condition, and so on for generations, and progress will be inevitable. To produce eggs requires a breed that has egg producing tendencies. The Mediterranean breeds are noted as egg producers. The most of the heavier varieties use too much of their feed for flesh production to make them profitable as egg producers. When we make layers of the heavy breeds we can do so only by subtracting from their flesh producing tendencies and turning the current of energy toward egg production.

The dairyman that would install beef cattle for milk producers will have to wait many generations and work the herd over by strict selection before he can get milk in paying quantities. The egg farmer must select the breed that will give the maximum quantity of eggs with a minimum consumption of feed.

HAS CONFIDENCE IN DOCTOR'S CURES

Washington, April 29.—Former Senator William Lorimer of Illinois, today will appeal to the United States public health service to detail at least one of its experts to inquire into the alleged "cure" for tuberculosis said to have been discovered by Dr. Peter P. Duket of Chicago. The former senator arrived yesterday and promptly made an engagement for a personal interview with Surgeon General Rupert Blue.

Mr. Lorimer expressed confidence in the Chicago physician's discovery. He declared that more than 100 cases are being treated successfully and that the treatment used by Dr. Duket has been tested by a committee of the most prominent physicians in Chicago. So anxious is Mr. Lorimer to have the government inquire into the supposed "cure" that he announced his willingness to bear the expense of sending a federal expert to make the examination.

The public health service now is engaged in an investigation of the alleged "cure" of Dr. Frederick F. Friedmann. An inquiry into the Duket treatment probably also will be made.

WOMAN'S ESTATE GOES TO ASYLUM

Seattle, Wash., April 29.—The state supreme court yesterday affirmed the decision of the superior court admitting to probate the first of four wills of Mrs. Mary Jeffs, an Indian woman, by which her half of the \$600,000 estate left by her husband, a white man, is to be used to found an orphan asylum. When Jeffs died he left half his estate to the proposed asylum and half to the widow. Mrs. Jeffs' first will left her share of the estate to the asylum, but her children by marriage brought forward three other wills and sought to gain possession of their mother's property.

EXPORTS TO SOUTH AMERICA INCREASE

Washington, April 29.—Exports from the United States to five principal countries of South America—Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay and Peru—increased almost 12 per cent during the first nine months of the present fiscal year as compared with the same period last year. As imports from those countries increased only five per cent, as shown by fig-

ures prepared by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce.

The exports this year totalled \$94,300,000 against \$84,400,000 last year; the imports \$145,300,000, against \$138,500,000. Of the trade with the five countries named the exports to Argentina and Chile showed slight decreases, as also the import from Uruguay; in every other case there was an increase.

The imports from Brazil in the comparative nine-month period, increased from \$95,700,000 last year to \$104,500,000 this year; from Argentina from \$19,000,000 to \$22,500,000, and from Chile from \$13,500,000 to \$18,500,000. Exports to Brazil increased from \$22,900,000 to \$3,000,000, while those to Chile decreased from \$12,200,000 to \$11,800,000, and those to Argentina from \$40,400,000 to \$39,900,000.

YOUNG JAPANESE COMMITS SUICIDE

Chicago, April 29.—Lar Kie Kum, a young Japanese, yesterday committed suicide by shooting himself as a protest against the proposed legislation in California unfavorable to his race, it is believed. He came here from Denver a week ago and exhibited an extraordinary interest in the western state's proposed anti-alien land bill. He spent a large part of his time studying newspaper comment on the situation. Others in the rooming house where he lived said he purchased an armful of papers daily.

On the day Secretary of State Bryan was in Chicago, Kum remarked that he would give years of his life for a conference with the official. It is not known if he attempted to see Mr. Bryan.

HILL TO MEET LANE.

Washington, April 29.—Secretary Lane has invited James J. Hill to attend next Thursday hearings on the condition of reclamation and irrigation work in this country. Secretary Lane expressed a desire that he should come prepared to discuss the relative cost and value of government and private irrigation works.

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